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Special Olympics Rummage Sale will be Saturday

It's time again for the Dover Special Olympics Rummage Sale. The sale will be held Saturday, May 4th from 8 a.m. to ? at the Dover Elementary Gym. Items donated for the sale include: golf cubs, sink with counter, shower door, furniture, clothes and toys. Come out and find some bargains and support this worthy cause.

Athletic Hall of Fame banquet tickets available

Tickets for the Dover Athletic Hall of Fame banquet will be on sale beginning Monday, April 29, at the superintendent's office.

Tickets are $10 each. The banquet will be held May 18 at 6 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

See, page five for a list of this year's recipients.

Save the Date: Atkins Picklefest is Saturday, May 18

Calendar

Thursday, May 2 — Pope County Quorum Court, 5:30 p.m., County Courthouse.
Monday, May 6 — Dover City Court, 4 p.m., City Hall.
Tuesday, May 7 — Dover City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall.

OUTSIDE

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Partly Cloudy High —80°	Partly Cloudy High —63°
FRIDAY	**SATURDAY**
Partly Cloudy High —59°	Partly Cloudy High —68°

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State awards $4.4 million for new school construction

The state has approved more than $130 million for construction projects at 92 Arkansas school districts next year, including $4,444,653.85 for renovations and additions to the Dover Middle School.

The projects were approved last Wednesday by the Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation. The middle school award was the largest project in the area approved.

According to Superintendent of Schools Jerry Owens a renovated middle school, new physical education facility and new football field house could cost as much as $13 million. The remaining amount of monies must be generated from a millage increase, approximately 5-6 mills.

The Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation department ranks proposals based on the condition of existing buildings, projected enrollment and property values in the district.

The state covers 65% of required space based on average student enrollment. The required square footage for the middle school is 44,113, there is currently 86,045 square feet between the middle school, former intermediate, fine art, cafeteria and old gym.

According to the report the current middle school, built in 1956 and the old gym, built in 1939, both have negative depreciated values at -14% and -48% respectively.

Other projects approved include $3 million to Danville School for a school addition and facility upgrades. Dardanelle School District was approved for $120,769 towards electrical distribution and ceiling replacement in the high school gym.

Neighboorhood brawl resutls in two citations

The Dover Marshal's Office responded to the following calls:

Authorities were called to respond to a street brawl in Dover Heights Sunday afternoon. Lt. David Dalrymple arrived at the scene to find two men fighting others shouting obscenities and one carrying around a baseball bat.. The two men who were fighting were both given citations and will appear in Dover Court in May. Marshal Rod Pfeifer said that three individuals were from Clarksville and the altercations appeared to be over a woman. Perry Whitbey of the Pope County Sheriff's Office also responded to the call.

The Marshal's Office responded to two property damage calls, one was from a hit and run in the supermarket parking lot and the other was a vehicle that had landed in a ditch

A Breaking and Entering occurred at the Mini Storage Buildings on Ozarka St. Upon investigation it appeared that several locks were broken on different units. One unit reported missing items including a tool box, horse saddles and horse tack. The Marshal's Office is investigating the theft.

Marshal Rod Pfeifer said that he has had several calls concerning traffic speed on Elizabeth St. and Water St. near the school. He stated that the traffic speed is 20 miles per hour in this area and that authorities will be cracking down and issuing speeding tickets.

Local accident claims life of Waldron man

An accident of on Highway 7 North, south of Pollard Cemetery Rd. took the life of a Waldron resident Sunday morning.

Pope County EMS Rescue responded to the scene on a possible entrapment. Upon arrival it was determined that four people were in the vehicle.

Jimmy Dale Fredrick 22, was pronounced dead at the scene according to a report from the Arkansas State Police. Fredrick was a passenger in a 1984 Chevy Pickup truck driven by Caleb Taylor 19, of Magazine.

Other passengers were Shane Dalton and Jacob Cagle both of Waldron, According to the report the vehicle left the west side of the roadway colliding with a tree. The weather and road conditions were dry at the time of the accident.

The injured were taken to St. Mary's Regional Hospital. Chad Maness with the state police investigated the accident.

ANO Unit 2 back on grid

Arkansas Nuclear One's Unit 2 was reconnected to the grid on Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m. CST. Unit 2 has been offline since March 31 when it shut down automatically when a lift carrying a replacement stator collapsed as it was moving the component out of the turbine building, a non-nuclear part of the plant. Since that time the unit has undergone extensive evaluations involving multiple third-party experts to ensure the safe and reliable operation of the plant before being brought online.

ANO is a dual unit facility owned by Entergy Arkansas, Inc. The event occurred at 7:50 a.m. CST on Sunday, March 31 as ANO's Unit 1 was conducting planned refueling activities. Unit 2 was operating at full power and automatically shut down as designed when the event occurred. There was no radiological release and no impact on public health or safety during the event.

The plant entered into a notification of unusual event, the lowest of four emergency classifications designated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, because of damage to a breaker cubicle. The plant exited the notification of unusual event at 6:21 p.m. that day after stabilizing power supplies.

The industrial incident resulted in one fatality, as well as injuries to eight other contract workers. All injured workers have been treated and released from the hospital.

Further evaluation will be required before restarting Unit 1, where damage evaluation, repair estimates and rescheduling the unit's refueling activities will take additional time.

ANO Site Vice President Jeremy Browning said, "Entergy is committed to the safe operation of Arkansas Nuclear One, and our comprehensive and systematic approach to returning Unit 2 to service exemplifies that commitment."

Entergy Corporation, which celebrates its 100th birthday this year, is an integrated energy company engaged primarily in electric power production and retail distribution operations. Entergy owns and operates power plants with approximately 30,000 megawatts of electric generating capacity, including more than 10,000 megawatts of nuclear power, making it one of the nation's leading nuclear generators. Entergy delivers electricity to 2.8 million utility customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Entergy has annual revenues of more than $10 billion and approximately 15,000 employees.



Hector Prom Queen Brianna Epperson and King Justin Herring.

Tri County Board hears progress of Hector plan

By Van A. Tyson

The Hector water treatment plant and expansion is about 40 percent complete, the Tri County Water District Board of Directors was told Thursday.

Actually, the 40 percent is in money, physically, the construction is further along, with the main structures complete and the tank expected to be complete by this week.

Crews have finishing installing the main line on Pine Street and are moving customers to the new line. A dug well, that is caving in, was declared a hazard and will be filled in with dirt.

The former City of Hector treatment plant will give Tri County an internal source of water, which it now buys from others, including Russellville City Corporation and the City of Atkins.

Manager John Choate also presented the board members with information about the charges of other water systems, and a committee of Robert Taylor, J.M. Graves and Danny Bunting was to look over rate materials and make a recommendation about a possible rate increase.

Ross Rogers said it had always been the aim of the district to provide water at the cheapest rate, and others agreed. That discussion followed a discussion about revenues compared to expenses. They had noted that other districts are charging more.

Other reports about projects included:

Plainview system transfer – six more documents are being prepared for submission to the U.S. Department of Agriculture about the pending takeover of the city water system by Tri County. (This will give Tri County another internal source of water.)

Griffin Flat Extension – A study showed that median income for the area was $43,000, making the project ineligible for low-income grants, but staff members doubt that figure and will continue to study the project.

Loy Claunch of Crafton, Tull and Associates said the district is going to have to relocate some lines on Highway 7 North and on the Weir Road Exchange and Highway 124. He estimated the cost at $70,000 to $80,000.

Water use

Water use totals during the past month were:

Pope County – purchased, 41,190,000 gallons; sold, 32,552,000; leaks and flushing, 2,773,000; loss, 5,865,000 (14.24%).

Yell County – purchased, 6,465,000 gallons; sold, 4,170,600; leaks and flushing, 1,238,000; loss, 1,056,400 (16.34%)

Total – purchased, 47,655,000; sold, 36,722,600; leaks and flushing, 4,011,000; loss, 6,921,400 (14.52%).

All members were present except Robert Taylor and J.D. Knight, including James Mitchell, chairman; Len Cotton, Danny Bunting, J.M. Graves, Ross Rogers and Stan Berry.